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CG T-1, who has previously provided information in the past but whose reliability is unknown, advised during the summer of 1974 that Donald J. Mucha, President of Univocal Marketing Systems, Incorporated, 2407 East Oakton Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, was going into partnership with two Polish government-owned firms, Metronox and Unitra. The Metronox firm is engaged in the export or import of instrumentation-type items such as volt meters, gauges, valves, etc. Unitra deals in everything that is concerned with electronics, i.e., diodes, resistors, etc. The name of the company is Unitronox, which is taken from the words Unitra and Metronox. The two Polish firms will control 80 percent of the company, while Mucha will have 15 percent, and a Dr. Lajos Schmidt will have the remaining five percent. Lajos Schmidt is connected with Baker and Mc Konzie, a Chicago-based international law firm. At that time, the source indicated that the President of the firm would be a Polish national by the name of Henryk Zukowski and that the Executive Vice-President would be Donald J. Mucha.

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During December, 1974, CG T-2 advised that he learned that the Managing Director of Unitronex is Andrzej Ziaja. He heard that this company is the subsidiary of two Polish foreign trade organizations named Motronex and Unitra. Unitronex reportedly is jointly owned by Americans and the Polish government. The American officers are required to have some Polish background. Source indicated that this organization is located at 3158 East Plaines Avenue, East Plaines, Illinois. The telephone number is (312) 208-1155, and the TWX number is 9102334335.

On December 30, 1974, CG T-3 advised that Unitronex is located at the above address and that they occupy Room 127. He stated that the company signed a lease on August 23, 1974, and that the tenant who signed the lease was Donald J. Mucha. The lease is for a three year occupancy.

CG T-3 advised that Unitronex was incorporated in the State of Delaware and that a certificate of incorporation was issued and dated August 5, 1974, in the State of Delaware. The registered agent for Unitronex is the Practice-Hall Corporation Systems, Incorporated, 220 South State Street, Dover, Delaware. Source advised that the nature of the business as set forth in the certificate of incorporation is:

"To manufacture, subcontract for manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, operate, install, improve, develop, repair or maintain; to call as principal agent, factor, broker, at wholesale or retail or otherwise, lease, license the use of, distribute or otherwise dispose of and generally to deal in and with electronic, electrical and mechanical devices, apparatus, appliances and machines of every kind and description and parts thereof, including, without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, electronic, electrical and mechanical computer devices, apparatus, appliances and machines and parts thereof, and all other matters and things, and any and all other matters applicable or incident to or used in the manufacture, sale, installation and maintenance of any of the foregoing."

CG T-3 advised that the individuals, as he knows it, that are employed by the company are Donald J. Mucha, Andrzej Ziaja, Henryk Zukowski and a secretary by the name of Ginger Hodrick.

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A check of the files of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) revealed that a Henryk Zukowski, born June 6, 1925, in Poland, and an Andrzej Zinja, born December 3, 1933, in Warsaw, Poland, entered the United States in 1974 on business. Chicago files also indicated that a (First Name Unknown) Zukowski visited the United States in June, 1972, as a member of a Metronex (Polish foreign trade enterprise) delegation in order to visit the IBM Corporation and the Honeywell Corporation.

During the early part of February, 1975, CG T-1 furnished the following information to Agents of the FBI regarding the Unitronex Corporation:

Source learned that the idea for this company came from Donald J. Mucha. Approximately a year and a half ago Mucha talked with a Mr. (First Name Unknown) Maglik of Metronex in Poland about forming a company that could act as an agent for obtaining electronic parts and instruments for the Polish firms of Unitra and Metronex, and also acting as an agent for selling items made by these companies in the United States. Mucha apparently convinced Maglik and Tadeusz Kaminski, who at that time was Director of Unitra, that they could eliminate the "middle man" in Europe and save money in this manner. During the spring of 1974 the company was formed with the agreement that Metronex and Unitra would own 80 percent of the company, while Mucha would own 15 percent, and a Dr. Lajos Schmidt would own the other five percent. From what the source knows, Schmidt was brought into the business because he was a member of the international law firm of Baker and Mc Kenzie and that he had been doing litigation work in Poland for Metronex and Unitra.

Source advised that Unitronex Corporation works as follows:

Unitronex receives requests by telex from either Unitra or Metronex for quotes from various companies in the United States as to prices on certain items. Unitronex then contacts various companies for quotes, and upon receiving them, submits them to Unitra and Metronex in Warsaw. Upon approval from these two companies, Unitronex will then purchase the items and have them shipped to Poland, normally by way of Polish Airlines, LOT out of New York City. The items do not pass through the Unitronex office in Chicago, but are sent directly to a freight handling company in New York.

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Source learned that the executives in Unitronox are very cautious as to the products that are shipped from the United States in that they do not appear to want to violate restrictions set down by the United States Department of Commerce.

CG T-1 advised that Unitronox plans to do two million dollars worth of business, mainly in the export end during the year of 1975. At present, Unitronox has \$200,000.00 worth of business being transacted. They expect very little import of Polish items for the present but expect it will pick up in the future. They do not have a license at the present time with the State of Illinois as they are not engaged in the sales of imported items from Poland. When they start importing Polish items they will apply for a license with the State of Illinois.

Source advised that the following individuals are connected with the Unitronox Corporation or have been connected with the Unitronox Corporation:

Andrzej Ziaja -- Source stated that Ziaja has been designated President of Unitronox. He arrived here on a temporary basis around November, 1974, and departed prior to Christmas Day of 1974. He is due back in the United States on or about March 2, 1975, and will be accompanied by his wife and two children. Ziaja is a member of the Communist Party (CP) in Poland.

Henryk Zukowski -- Zukowski was, according to the source, temporary President of Unitronox; however, he has been recalled to Poland. His stay in the United States was from September through November, 1974. Upon his return to Poland, he caused an article to be written in a Polish periodical, "Politica" complaining of the fact that he had been recalled as president of Unitronox. Source stated that this article caused much embarrassment to the Polish Government. Source felt that in view of the political situation in Poland, Zukowski was very unwise. Zukowski is not a member of the CP in Poland.

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Andrzej Sawczyn -- Source believes Sawczyn is a member of the CP in Poland; however, he is not positive of the fact. Sawczyn is connected with Unitra for which he is a manager of licensing and as a part of the Unitronex Corporation handles requests for quotations on items from Unitra. He currently resides in Apartment 108, 10199 Higgins Road, Oak Plain, Illinois. He will be leaving Chicago for Poland around the end of February, 1975, and will return to Chicago two months later with his wife and child.

Eugeniusz Kunach -- Source advised that Kunach is not a member of the CP in Poland. He first arrived here in November, 1974, and stayed through December, 1974, whereupon he returned to Poland. He is due to return with his family sometime during the first two weeks of March, 1975. Source believes that Kunach has two children. Source also stated that Kunach is attached to Metronex and handles the quotes sent to Metronex from the United States.

The company also employs Ginger Fedrick, age approximately 24 to 28 years. She is a United States born citizen, married and lives in Schumburg, Illinois.

Christine Maher, approximately 24 years of age, also a United States born citizen, is the other secretary. Maher speaks Polish and resides in Rosemont, Illinois.

Donald J. Mucha -- Mucha, Executive Vice-President of Unitronex, formerly owned the Universal Marketing Systems, Incorporated, 2401 East Oakton, Arlington Heights, Illinois. This company has filed bankruptcy and has debts of approximately \$77,000.00. Mucha, born May 12, 1932, also resides in Apartment 108, 10199 Higgins Road, Oak Plain, Illinois.

Dr. Lajos Schmidt -- Schmidt is a naturalized United States citizen who came to the United States in 1956 right after the Hungarian uprising and is supposedly anticommunist. Schmidt travels extensively through Soviet bloc nations.

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